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Fishery Information Section

Weekly Summer Flounder Quota Report (No. 20)

Summer Flounder Landings (pounds) for 2000.

State	Late Entries	Week Ending 20-MAY-00	Period	2000 Quotas	Percent Landed
			Cumulative Total (to date)		
ME	0	0	5,987	3,956	151.3
NH	0	0	0	51	0.0
MA	1,965	4,468	103,088	710,712	14.5
RI	5,353	28,778	1,008,754	1,742,566	57.9
CT	200	3,772	160,219	250,788	63.9
NY	4,807	39,561	462,576	849,672	54.4
NJ	-6,719	34,344	1,096,783	1,814,320	60.5
DE	0	0	44	-31,738	-
MD	0	4,701	46,563	226,568	20.6
VA	24,044	5,244	1,541,939	2,358,689	65.4
NC	11	159	2,312,314	3,049,560	75.8
TOTAL	29,661	121,027	6,738,267	11,006,882	61.2

Notes:

Consistent with an opinion issued on April 25, 2000, by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (Court) that invalidated the 1999 quota and remanded the case to NMFS for further proceedings, NMFS intends to revise the 2000 summer flounder quota by August 1, 2000, to a level with at least a 50-percent chance of not exceeding the F target. The Court set a minimum standard for harvest quotas to comply with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, namely that quotas must have at least a 50-percent probability of achieving the target fishing mortality rate.

If negative late entries are present on this report, they are the result of corrections made to the database.

For the week ending **20-MAY-00**, 209 dealers held a federal summer flounder permit. Of those 209 dealers, 165 (79%) have submitted a weekly quota report for the current reporting week. Because Massachusetts dealers submit weekly quota reports directly to the state, they were not included in these calculations.

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled. Data are supplied to NMFS by dealers and/or state agencies and may be preliminary. Data supplied by the State of Massachusetts are as of the week ending May 20, 2000.

The following summary is updated as information is received, and may not reflect recent state actions. Readers are urged to contact the appropriate state agency for further information.

State Information on Summer Flounder (2000 Quota Period)

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State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
Maine				Kerry Lyons 207-633-9510
New Hampshire				603-868-1095
Massachusetts		The trip limit for summer flounder for Massachusetts is 100 lbs per 24 hour day for draggers, fish weirs and longliners until the end of the squid season.	The trip limit will drop to zero for all gear types through 7/4/2000. Effective Wednesday, 7/5/2000, the trip limit for all net gear will be 300 lbs per day and the trip limit for all hook gear will be 200 lbs per day.	Dave Pierce 617-727-3193
Rhode Island	Closed	Effective 0001 hrs on Thursday, 5/18/2000, the summer flounder fishery in Rhode Island is closed.		April Valliere 401-222-3075 401-789-3094
Connecticut		Effective 0001 hrs on Monday, 5/1/2000, the possession limit for summer flounder in Connecticut will be reduced to 100 lbs. Vessels which sail prior to midnight on 4/30/2000 shall be allowed to land 400 lbs at the end of that trip.	Effective 0001 hrs on Thursday, 6/1/2000, the possession limit for summer flounder in Connecticut will be reduced to 50 lbs through Friday, 6/30/2000.	Colleen Giannini 860-434-6043
New York		Beginning 0001 hrs on Thursday, 5/25/2000, the trip limit for the hand line gear category is 50 lbs and a reduction in the all gear and fixed gear trip limit to 70 lbs.		John Mason 516-444-0453

State Information on Summer Flounder, continued (2000 Quota Period)

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State/ Commonwealth	Closure status	Trip/Possession Limits (pounds)	Other Provisions/ Pending Changes	State Contact
New Jersey		Effective 0001 hrs on 5/7/2000, the directed summer flounder fishery will re-open at a 500 lb trip limit and a maximum of 5 days per week a vessel may land summer flounder. The May-June season will open with its full directed fishery quota.		Tom McCloy 609-292-2083
Delaware				Rick Cole 302-739-4782
Maryland		Effective 0800 hrs on Friday, 2/26/2000, the possession limit for summer flounder with a Maryland summer flounder permit is increased to 5,000 lbs.		Harley Speir 410-260-8303
Virginia		Effective 0001 hrs on Tuesday, 1/4/2000, the First Quarter of the Virginia offshore Summer Flounder fishery will open. The possession limit is 5,000 lbs.		Lewis Gillingham 757-247-2243
North Carolina	Closed	Effective 1800 hrs on Friday, 3/3/00, the North Carolina commercial season for summer flounder is closed. North Carolina Fisheries Rules allow vessels to land up to 100 lbs of flounder per trip taken from the Atlantic Ocean during a closed season.	North Carolina commercial season will reopen on 11/1/00.	Fentress "Red" Munden, 919-726-7021